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SUBJECT: UCOR/STEAG AGREEMENT ON FEASIBILITY STUDY/URANIUM
SEPARATION VENTURE

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTED APRIL 23 THAT SA URANIUM ENRICHMENT CORPORA-
TION (UCOR) AND STEAG ELECTRICAL COMPANY OF WEST GERMANY
HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT TO CARRY OUT JOINT FEASIBILITY STUDY
OF TWO URANIUM ENRICHMENT PROCESSES, SECRET SA PROCESS AND
BECKER SEPARATION NOZZLE PROCESS. UCOR CHAIRMAN, DR. A.A.
BOUX, QUOTED IN ARTICLE AS INDICATING THAT THE TWO COMPANIES
INTEND CONSIDER CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL PLANT IN SA USING
COMBINED TECHNOLOGY. DECISION ON WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH
COMMERCIAL VENTURE WILL DEPEND UPON RESULTS FEASIBILITY STUDY.
ROUX SAID THAT CONSTRUCTION OF PLANT WOULD BE CARRIED OUT
ON "INTERNATIONAL BASIS".

2. ARTICLE NOTED THAT STEAG HAS BEEN PARTICIPATING WITH
GESSELLSCHAFT FUR KERFORSCHUNG, KARLSRUHE, SINCE 1970
IN DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIALIZATION OF SEPARATION
NOZZLE PROCESS AND THAT STEAG HAD OBTAINED WORLDWIDE RIGHTS
TO THE PROCESS.

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